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SPECIFIC - Wolfgang HOMER Case

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1. The purpose of this dispatch is to review the events following Frau HOMER's defection circa 9 November. This report is to be considered preliminary and written only for the sake of getting some of the material in the record before an analysis can be completed.

2. Frau HOMER defected to West Berlin circa 9 November. The defection was apparently spontaneous and brought about among other reasons because Frau HOMER was dissatisfied with her husband's persistent activities in the intelligence field and particularly on behalf of the SMIS. Frau HOMER proved to be somewhat knowledgeable of her husband's activities at least to the extent that she was able to denounce several persons, two of whom, Gottfried HENGER (b. 16 July 1926, Gerstetten, Kra. Heidenheim) and Hannelore SCHWARTZ (b. 21 June 1921, Heilbronn), were subsequently arrested.

M.G. SCHWARTZ

3. The fact that his wife defected and that she was knowledgeable of his clandestine activities had no known effect on Wolfgang HOMER himself. Two letters sent to him urging him to come to the West remained unanswered for reasons best known to HOMER himself in spite of the fact that they indicated that his activities were to some extent compromised. Furthermore, Wolfgang HOMER's debriefing of his son, Dieter, who returned to East Berlin circa 17 November should have convinced him that as an agent handler, he had suffered or was about to suffer losses and that the security of his operations were nil unless one wants to assume that HOMER ran some certain sensitive operations which he knew could under no circumstances be considered compromised. Judging HOMER by his wife's remarks, this possibility seems remote.

4. What HOMER is currently doing as to the nature of his relationship with PAUL, his SMIS case officer, is unknown. It would seem inconceivable that he would not be disciplined if the extent of the compromise were known to the SMIS. This does not imply that he was reduced to a position whereby he would consider defection. HOMER probably has served the SMIS well and faithfully for a matter of years and may have sufficient status to weather the present situation. Furthermore, it appears almost inconceivable that HOMER and PAUL could enter into a conspiracy to suppress the results of Frau HOMER's defection to the West vis-a-vis

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Belmont at the same addresses out gives his profession as attorney. There is an indication that he was "fired" from work in 1941. It is now asserted that he has recently applied for a position with Belmont.

9. Arthur Weiss while under arrest since circa December on the basis of Paul Weiss's denunciation has confessed to using the pseudonym "SCHMIDT" and that he had been in contact with Weiss concerning veterans' organizations. He admits to receiving political directives from Weiss and admits that Weiss asked him to look up BELMONT, a member of the SCHMIDT organization, which he claims he declined to do. See attachment for a copy of the interrogation report of Weiss which was received after this dispatch had been drafted. Hence, there are many new aspects which are not reported in this dispatch.

10. The contents of Weiss's address books have also revealed some very startling information with manifold implications. The most enticing is reference to the "Schwarze Kapelle" in connection with which appeared the names of Alfred SCHMIDT, C, and "Hagberg - Dr. ALBERT" who beyond question is Dr. ALBERT. There were innumerable references to BELMONT as "Fred" and a further reference to the Schwarze Kapelle as Schwarze and a reference to a person I presume to be Julius Weiss in the following fashion: "A" with the word "verboden" underneath. Of course the date the "verboden" was written will be most interesting. While Weiss asserts there is no doubt in his mind that Julius was passing intelligence information to BELMONT and there is little doubt in a BELMONT's mind that Dr. St. 12 and BELMONT are not heavily involved.

11. One item worthy of note is the assumption (both WEISS's and ours) that BELMONT has good sources in the Max Baer Wartenberg which presently has custody of BELMONT. Hence BELMONT should know of BELMONT's arrest and his as far as we can perceive taken no action. Later on much later WEISS plans to get BELMONT's reaction out not until after BELMONT has been completely debriefed. BELMONT showed he was aware of the (W) scheme of WEISS indicating the following: members of St 12 and members and former members who had appeared in BELMONT's address books:

V-3030	(Alfred SCHMIDT, C)	J
V-3036	(George Weiss, b. 24 February 1914 in Mannheim)	
V-2001	(Rita Weiss, C)	J
V-2002	(Hans Walter Weiss, C)	J
V-3001	(true name unknown)	
V-2771	(true name unknown)	
V-10	(Walter Otto Weiss, C)	J

Also included were V-3031 and V-3032 from St 12 and V-1174 whose name has not been surfaced for years. In the list in with the St 12 group, BELMONT also carried "Hans" (b. 10 August 1907 in Galsgrafenweiler and last living in Galsgrafenweiler, Wimmerstrasse 2) who has been dropped as a CV "L" agent in 1941 although he has continued to be quite close to BELMONT.

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12. There are several schools of thought on the meaning of Schwarze Kapelle. The first is that it refers to the Gelsenstepp circle of WW II days and the MC church. The second that it refers to a group penetrating the UPB-WING organization itself and the third which is the idea of Matthew H. Chubb that it refers to a penetration of the West German Government and UPB-WING through right-wing circles of which BECKHEIM and MOELKE are prime examples. His reasoning is that the Schwarze Kapelle is a modern counterpart of the rote Kapelle. Whereas the rote Kapelle was a Communist (red) underground and espionage organization run by the KPD against Germany, this new version is a racist (black) underground and espionage group with the same aims. In any event, perhaps we have a new term which could reach the prominence of its red-colored sister. Please see page 60 of the interrogation report for mention of the Schwarze Kapelle.

13. One factor which greatly alarmed us for a period of a few days shortly prior to Christmas was an indication of direct contact within the last six months between BECKHEIM and Ludwig Wulff of 1 St 12 in Munich who in turn is a close contact of Heinrich Kuhl now with 1 St 12. It is now apparent that BECKHEIM's arrest means nothing to WULFF or that he is not about to flee merely on the basis of BECKHEIM's arrest. Both KULH and WULFF have long been considered security risks within UPB-WING. WULFF, a former colonel in the SS had been one of BECKHEIM's close subordinates during WW II and BECKHEIM in fulfilling some of BECKHEIM's political directives had contacted WULFF. One of these directives involved the BECKHEIM group. This directive however may have been cover for a far more insidious group of directives.

14. In reference to V-2668, Frau MOELKE indicated that her husband and PAUL were well aware of 2668 and made vague remarks about him to the effect that he is one man "we don't have to worry about". Frau MOELKE was at a loss to explain exactly what was implied in such remarks. Frau MOELKE also stated that her husband was aware of financial irregularities committed by 2668 primarily in the field of claims for disbursements. It seems 2668 was prone to a lot of free wheeling with women other than his wife also. Beyond this nothing more is known. UPB-WING still has 2668 at his former location in Bielefeld. BECKHEIM claims they are still seriously considering the project designed to lure MOELKE West as proposed by Ralph I. Billings in the spring of 1957 but as yet had no definite target date.

15. Concerning the alleged warning letter sent by MOELKE to BECKHEIM, it appears it was a garbled reference to a letter received by BECKHEIM. The letter written circa 22 November requested BECKHEIM to come to East Berlin on 14 December. Please see page 41 of the attachment for a description of the contents. Gerda or Gertrud is obviously MOELKE's secretary. As far as is known, MOELKE was not advised that BECKHEIM could not come and apparently MOELKE has not attempted to recontact BECKHEIM. It is as yet too early to foresee what the interrogation of BECKHEIM will bring forth and what future plays between BECKHEIM and MOELKE are feasible.

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16. In answer to your question regarding the initial recruitment of Wolfgang KROMER by the S.I.S, nothing in the debriefing of Frau KROMER shed any light on the initial recruitment. Frau KROMER apparently acquired her sense of awareness in the field of espionage after the defection of her husband in February, 1951. We are still working on the assumption that KROMER was recruited while a Soviet PW or immediately after his release and prior to his establishment of residence in West Berlin.

17. It appears now that we must await the results of the debriefing of KROMER before any new moves are planned. It is hoped that subsequent reports can include more detail of the security aspects involving D. G. 12 and 14.

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1 - Interrogation report

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